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Sir,

It is reported that General Yang has sent a telegram to Peking reporting that several persons are famine stricken in Pootung and requesting that the sufferers be exempt from tax for one year. The General has also recommended that he be authorised to contribute from the public funds towards the relief of the sufferers.

A gun boat which is conveying 2,000 rifles from Kiangnan Arsenal to Peking left here yesterday forenoon.

It is reported that Minister Liu has suggested to Admiral Li to dismiss several naval officers who are suspected of disloyalty. The latter has declined to act on the suggestion. The relations of the Minister and the Admiral are now strained.

It is reported that considerable friction exists between Military Governor Yang and his deputy General Lu.

It is reported that the Shanghai Taoyin entertained the editors of the local Chinese newspapers to dinner in his yamen on the 25th inst, when he explained to them the awkward position that he had been placed in by their refusal to change the calendar. It is said that, as a result of what took place, all the editors, including those of the Shen Pao and Sin Wan Pao, will date their papers according to the monarchical calendar.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Armstrong

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.